

## ***Chapter 2 — Comments and Responses-DEIS***

In this Chapter comments from:

- Federal Agencies
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Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) sent the Draft EIS (DEIS) to the public for comments on the Proposed Action and alternatives. The Draft EIS was distributed to agencies, groups, individuals, and libraries in June 2001. A 45-day public review period was extended to September 4, 2001 at the request of some commenters. A public meeting was held in Maple Valley, Washington on August 1, 2001 to review and receive comments on the Draft EIS. These comments were all captured and catalogued. As a result of the comments on the DEIS, BPA decided to analyze four additional action alternatives in more detail and to more fully explore non-transmission alternatives. Six additional scoping meetings were held to gather additional issues and concerns for the new alternatives in June 2002. BPA received over 1,600 comments during this additional scoping time. Since then, BPA has completed a supplemental draft environmental impact statement (SDEIS) for the proposed Kangley-Echo Lake Transmission Line Project. The SDEIS was released to the public for a 45-day review and comment period that ended on March 1, 2003. Five public meetings were held at various locations in King County during the week of February 3-6 to gather public comments on the SDEIS.

This chapter contains the written comments from letters, e-mails, and comment sheets received during the comment period for the DEIS and BPA's responses to those comments. It also contains the oral comments from the public meeting in August 2001 and telephone calls received during the comment period. Chapter 3 contains the written and oral comments received during the comment period for the SDEIS and BPA's responses to those comments. Letters and comment sheets were given numbers in the order they were received. Separate issues in each letter were given separate codes. For example, letter 394 might have issues 394-001, 394-002, and 394-003 identified within its text. Comments from the public meeting were also numbered. BPA prepared responses to each of these individual comments.

The chapter is organized in the following sequence: comments from ***federal agencies*** are followed by comments from ***state agencies*** (page 2-13), ***local agencies*** (page 2-17), ***tribes*** (page 2-107), then ***groups and individuals*** (page 2-115). Comments from the ***public meeting*** are at the end of the chapter (page 2-205). Because we have organized comments this way and often reference responses to other comments, please use the numerical list on the back of this page for reference. A listing of related comments by issue is at the end of the chapter on page 2-218.

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earlier letters were for scoping)

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